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DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY NOTIFICATION

National Register of Historic Places National Park Service

Name of Property: Mt. Graham (DZIL NCHAA SI'AN), Safford Ranger District,
Coronado National Forest

Location: Graham County

State: Arizona

Request submitted by: John M. McGee, Forest Supervisor, Forest Service,
Coronado National Forest

Date received: 03/26/02

Additional information received

Opinion of the State Historic Preservation Officer:

Eligible

Not Eligible

No Response

Need More Information

Comments:

The Secretary of the Interior has determined that this property is:

Eligible

Applicable criteria: A

Not Eligible

Comments:

Documentation insufficient

(Please see accompanying sheet explaining additional materials required)

Sarah D. Ripe

Keeper of the National Register

4/30/02

Date

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DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY NOTIFICATION (cont.)

National Register of Historic Places

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Mt. Graham (DZIL NCHAA SI'AN)

Safford Ranger District, Coronado National Forest

Graham County, AZ

April 29, 2002

The National Register of Historic Places has determined that Mt. Graham (DZIL NCHAA SI'AN) is eligible for listing under Criterion A as a traditional cultural property. The National Register concurs with the findings of the USDA Forest Service's supplemental report (March 15, 2002) that the boundary of the Mt. Graham traditional cultural property is the Forest Service administrative boundary of the Pinaleno Mountains unit. The entire property within the National Register boundaries of Mt. Graham is eligible for listing as a *site*. The entire mountain, not just isolated places on the mountain, holds special importance to the Western Apache tribes and meets the National Register's definition of a traditional cultural property. Ethnographic research presented in the DOE documentation shows that the mountain is associated with the traditional beliefs of Native American groups about their origins, cultural history, and the nature of the world, as well as a location where Native American religious practitioners have historically gone, and are known to go today, to perform ceremonial activities in accordance with traditional cultural rules of practice. The Forest Service Pinaleno Mountains unit is part of a larger regional landscape that is sacred to the Western Apache tribes. Potentially, this larger regional landscape, or certain parts of it, may be eligible for listing with further identification, evaluation and documentation.